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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

United Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

LEWIS FORK CHURCH,

WILKES COUNTY, N. C.,

October 18th, 19th and 20th, 1860.

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PROCEEDINGS.

LEWIS FORK, WILKES CO., N. C., }
THURSDAY, Oct. 18th, 1860. }

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder JAMES MCNEIL, the alternate, (Eld. R. Gentry not being present,) from John, 17th chapter and latter clause of the 11th verse: "That they may be one, as we are."

The Association was invited to order by Elder S. Ferguson, by singing and prayer.

Letters from 24 churches were handed in and read, from which the annexed statistical table was made out.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. Elders E. Martin and J. Collis were appointed tellers to take the vote: Elder S. FERGUSON was chosen *Moderator*, and P. ELLER, *Clerk*.

On motion, a door was opened for the reception of churches; whereupon New Bethany and Liberty Chapel Churches presented letters by their delegates, and, on motion, were received into the body, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Invited corresponding messengers, when the following were received: From the Lebanon Association, br. William C. Parks, with a letter asking correspondence with this Association.—From the Yadkin Association, Elder Edwin Martin and br. D. C. Swann, with a letter and minutes, asking correspondence with this Association. From the Roan Mountain, Elder J. Collis. Also from the Jefferson Association, J. B. Young, W. J. Ball, and J. E. Ball, with a letter asking correspondence with this Association. All were kindly received, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator, and they seated with the Association.

Invited transient preachers to seats in the Association: Elder J. Hageman, from the Three Fork Association, accepted.

Appointed Elders Wm. Pool, H. Holsclaw, R. L. Steele, S. P. Smith, and J. McNeil, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangement. Corresponding Messengers and visiting preachers were invited to sit with them.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise was announced by the Moderator to consist of the delegates of the Lewis Fork Church, aided by the pastor of the Church, who reported for Friday, as follows: Elder J. Collis, 1st; E. Martin, 2nd; James Reed, 3rd.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder S. P. Smith.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 1860.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Holsclaw.

1st. Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. Read and adopted the Minutes of yesterday.

3rd. Called on the Committee of Arrangement, who reported: Report received and the committee discharged.

4th. Read rules of decorum.

5th. Extended the invitation of yesterday inviting transient preachers. Elder A. W Vannoy accepted the invitation.

6th. The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On Finance.—Brn. J. H. Spainhower and W. S. Pool.
On the Constitution.—Brn. J. H. Spainhower, A. H. Martin, Elders Wm. Pool, H. Holsclaw and S. P. Smith.
On Temperance.—Elders J. Reed and S. Trivette.
On Sabbath Schools.—Elders J. McNeil and I. Oxford.
On Periodicals.—Elder R. L. Steele and J. Crouch.
On Missions.—Elder L. Land and br. Wm. C. Parks.
On Resolutions.—Br. M. A. Parks and Elder J. H. Brown.
On Colportage.—Elders S. Trivette and E. Martin.

7th. Called on the Treasurer, who reported and was discharged.

8th. R. L. Steele reported and was discharged. See report at letter G.

9th. On motion, the Taylorsville Association Book was adopted as the Record Book for this Association.

Also, the Clerk was instructed to take charge of the Lewis Fork Association Book.

10th. Called on corresponding messengers, who reported and were discharged.

11th. Called on the delegates who were appointed to attend the Western Convention; who reported and were discharged.

12th. Appointed corresponding messengers, as follows:

To the Lebanon Association: Elders S. Trivette, P. Grimes, Wm. Pool, H. Holsclaw, J. H. West, R. Gentry, and bro. M. A. Parks; place, Chatham Hill Church, Smith County, Va.; time, Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1861.

To the Roan Mountain: Elders J. McNeil, S. P. Smith, I. Oxford, and S. Ferguson; place, Church, Yancey County, N. C.; time, Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1861.

To the Yadkin: Elders S. P. Smith, Wm. Pool, J. H. West, Wm. Church, and br. A. H. Martin; place, Yadkinville, Yadkin County, N. C.; time, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1861.

To the Jefferson: Elders P. Grimes, S. P. Smith, S. Trivette, A. W. Vannoy, R. Gentry, and J. McNeil; place, Old Land Mark Church, Ashe County, N. C.; time, Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, 1861.

To the Catawba: Elders I. Oxford, J. McNeil, R. L. Steele, J. H. Vest, Wm. Pool, J. Reed, Wm. Church and br. A. B. Ervin.

To the Three Fork Association: Elders H. Holsclaw, J. Crouch, S. Medlock, Wm. Pool, A. W. Vannoy, A. Johnson, R. Gentry, L. Land, and brn. A. H. Martin and H. Pennel.

On motion, instead of letters, the Minutes of this Association be carried by the messengers as a recommendation of their appointments. Took a recess for twenty minutes.

Resumed business.

13th. Appointed Elders S. P. Smith, J. McNeil, I. Oxford, P. Grimes, S. Ferguson, S. Trivette, J. H. Brown, brn. A. B. West, A. H. Martin and Thos. Isbell, delegates to the next annual session of the Western Convention; place and time, Hendersonville, N. C., Thursday night after the 4th Sabbath in August, 1861.

14th. On motion, approved of the appointments made by the Western Convention, at her last session, viz: that Elder S. P. Smith ride in Burke County, as Missionary for one year; and Elders S. Ferguson and J. McNeil to ride in the bounds of this Association for one year.

15th. Called on the Committee of Finance, who reported.—Report received and committee discharged. See appendix, A.

16th. The Committee on Devotional Exercise reported for Saturday, J. A. Hageman, I. Oxford, H. Holsclaw and J. Crouch.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by E. Martin.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the roll, and read minutes of yesterday.

2nd. On motion, agreed to invite the Western Convention to hold its annual session, in 1862, with the Three Forks of Little River church, Alexander County, N. C.

3rd. Called on the Committee appointed to revise the Constitution, who reported several amendments to the Constitution, which were adopted, and the Committee discharged.

4th. Called on Committee on Periodicals, who reported.—Report received and committee discharged. See appendix B.

5th. Committee on Sabbath Schools reported.—Report received and committee discharged. See appendix C.

6th. The Committee on Missions reported.—Report received and committee discharged. See appendix D.

7th. The Committee on Temperance reported.—Report received and committee discharged. See appendix E.

8th. Called on the Committee on Colportage, who reported.—Report received and committee discharged. See appendix F.

9th. The Committee on Resolutions reported.—Report received and committee discharged. See appendix G.

10th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Concord church, Alexander County, N. C., 7 miles South-East from Taylorsville, to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1861.

11th. Appointed Elder S. P. Smith to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. Crouch his alternate.

12th. On motion, the books and money on hand were placed in the hands of the Treasurer, with instructions to have the books distributed among the ministers for them to sell; and all moneys on hand and money received for Colportage, to be laid out for Baptist Books, and placed in the hands of Elder S. Ferguson and J. McNeil, our missionaries, for them to sell.

13th. On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to S. P. Smith all the moneys received from the churches and otherwise, for Home and Foreign Missions, and take his receipt.

14th. The Presbytery of last year remain until next Association. Elder Wm. Pool instead of J. G. Bryan.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of Minutes, have one thousand copies struck, and distribute them as usual.

On motion, adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Thus closed the first session of this Association, in which not a single jar occurred to mar its peace. And during the entire service, peace, harmony and unanimity prevailed.

P. ELLER, *Clerk.* S. FERGUSON, *Moderator.*

SABBATH.

The stand was occupied by those appointed. Elder J. H. West preached first; Elder S. P. Smith second, who preached a Missionary sermon; after which a collection was taken for Home and Foreign Missions, amounting to $12 07, which was handed to the Treasurer, who paid it over to Elder S. P. Smith, and took his receipt.

After a recess of half an hour, the congregation re-assembled, when Elder E. Martin preached and closed the services of the day.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

	Post Offices.	Counties.
S. P. Smith,	Wilkesboro.'	Wilkes.
Wm. Church,	Lewis Fork,	"
S. Ferguson,	Warrior Creek,	"
P. Grimes,	Trap Hill,	"
J. H. Brown,	Elkville,	"
L. Land,	"	"
J. McNeil,	Pearlear's Creek,	"
A. W. Vannoy,	"	"
J. B. Green,	New Hope,	Iredell.
E. Tilley,	King's Creek,	Caldwell.
J. H. West,	Deal's Mills,	"
I. Oxford,	"	"
D. Austin,	Little River,	Alexander.
M. Austin,	"	"
J. Reed,	"	"
R. Gentry,	Gap Creek,	Ashe.
A. Johnson,	Jefferson,	"
R. L. Steele,	Taylorsville,	Alexander.
Wm. Pool,	"	"
J. Crouch,	"	"
P. Tritt,	"	"
H. Holsclaw,	Little River,	"
S. Trivette,	Jefferson,	Ashe.

LICENTIATES.

J. B. Greer,	Warrior Creek,	Wilkes.
D. Willborn,	"	"
— Walker,	"	"
A. B. West,	Lewis Fork,	"
J. H. Spainhower,	Pearlear's Creek,	Wilkes.

Names of Churches.	*Clerks.*	*Post Offices.*
Lewis Fork,	A. J. Proffitt,	Lewis Fork.
Pilgrim,	A. Milliam,	"
King's Creek,	Thomas Isbell,	King's Creek.
New Hope,	P. Eller,	Pearlear's Creek.
Little River,	P. J. Barnes,	Taylorsville.
Taylor's Spring,	Wm. H. George,	New Hope.
Bethel,	R. McGwier,	Nettle Knob.
Center,	E. C. Oxford,	Little River.
Taylorsville,	C. Jones,	"
Dover,	J. Medlock,	"
Mt. Gilead,	Benjamin Hines,	"
Walnut Grove,	C. Leach,	Wilkesboro'.
Antioch,	William T. Pool,	Little River.
Three Forks, of L. River,	N. A. Pool,	Taylorsville.

Names of Churches.	*Clerks.*	*Post Offices.*
Liberty Grove,	J. H. Harington,	Taylorsville.
Macedonia,	Wm. Gyder,	"
Mt. Zion,	T. C. Land,	Elkville.
Beaver Creek,	J. F. Ferguson,	"
Pleasant Grove,	A. M. Foster,	Lewis Fork.
Union,	D. Downs,	—— ——
Concord,	J. F. Faulkner,	Taylorsville.
Mt. Airy,	——————	Hay Meadow.
Fishing Creek,	A. C. Allen,	Wilkesboro'.
Oak Forest,	A. H. Martin,	Brier Creek.
New Bethany,	Thomas H. Ervin,	Catawba Station.
Liberty Chapel,	E. Pope,	Jefferson.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
Lewis Fork, - - -	Elder James McNeil
Pilgrim, - - - -	" A. W. Vannoy.
King's Creek, - - -	" E. Tilley.
New Hope, - - - -	" J. McNeil, A. W. Vannoy.
Little River, - - -	" William Pool, P. Tritt.
Taylor's Spring, - - -	" J. B. Green.
Bethel, - - - -	" A. Johnson.
Center, - - -	" J. Reed.
Taylorsville, - - -	" S. Ferguson.
Dover, - - - -	" J. H. Brown.
Mt. Gilead, - - - -	" J. Crouch.
Walnut Grove, - - -	" Alexander Gilreath.
Antioch, - - - -	" John B. Powell.
Three Fork of Little River, -	" S. Ferguson.
Liberty Grove, - - -	" J. Reed.
Macedonia, - - - -	" J. Crouch.
Mt. Zion, - - - -	" L. Land.
Beaver Creek, - - -	" J. Crouch, J. H. Brown.
Pleasant Grove, - - -	" W. Church, A. W. Vannoy.
Union, - - - - -	" I. Oxford.
Concord, - - - -	" R. L. Steele.
Mt. Airy, - - - -	" P. Grimes.
Fishing Creek, - - -	" James McNeil.
Oak Forest, - - .	" E. Martin.
New Bethany, - -	" J. Crouch.
Liberty Chapel, - - -	" S. Trivette.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	Saturdays.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Restored ...	Dis. by Let..	Excluded...	Deceased,..	Total	Contrib'ns.
Lewis Fork,	Wilkes,	Lewis Fork,	1	McAlpin Walsh, A. J. Proffitt, L. Triplett, -				2	2	1	83	$2 00
Pilgrim,	Wilkes,	Lewis Fork,	3	A Milliam, A. Hamby, D. F. Cardwell, - -	3		1	4	3		41	1 25
King's Creek,	Caldwell,	King's Creek,	4	Thomas Isbell, - - - - - - -	1			3	4		80	1 50
New Hope,	Wilkes,	Pearlear's Creek	4	J. McNeil, J. H. Spainhower, P. Eller, - -				3	1		106	3 00
Little River,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	1	Wm. Pool, P. Trirt, A. L. Williams, - -	3	1	3	7	3		97	2 05
Taylor's Spring,	Iredell,	New Hope,	1	S. W. Harden, A. L. Williams, - - -				3	1		37	1 50
Bethel,	Ashe,	Nettle Knob,		A. Johnson, R. McGuier, J. Garvey - -	5			3		1	31	1 50
Centre,	Alexander.	Little River,	3	J. Reed, - - - - - - - - -							21	1 00
Taylorsville,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	3	S. Ferguson, C. Jones, E. C. Harington, -			1	6	4		37	1 00
Dover,	Alexander,	Little River,	2	H. Holsclaw, E. Pennel, - - - - -				4	1		84	1 00
Mt. Gilead,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,		J. W. Austin, S. N. Hines, - - - -	11			2		1	38	99
Walnut Grove,	Wilkes,	Wilkesboro',	3	R. W. Brock, W. Brookshear, C. Leach, -	5						46	1 00
Antioch,	Alexander,	Little River,	4	D. V. Brown, W. S. Pool, - - - -				2			125	1 50
Three Forks, L. River,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	2	J. Crouch, R. Watts, - - - - -	6	3			2		81	1 50
Liberty Grove,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	8 4	R. L. Steele, J. Palmer, D. L. Hudson, - -	20	5	2		2	1	56	2 00
Macedonia,	Alexander.	Taylorsville,	4	F. Ingrum, - - - - - - - -	1	1		7			128	1 50
Mt. Zion,	Wilkes,	Elkville,	4	L. Land, Thomas Land, W. J. Miller, - -				7		1	21	1 00
Beaver Creek,	Wilkes,	Elkville,	3	J. H. Brown, Thomas Carlton, J. F. Ferguson,		1		9	2		63	2 00
Pleasant Grove,	Wilkes,	Lewis Fork,	2	Wm. Church, Wm. West, A. B. West, - -		3			1		32	1 45
Union,	Caldwell,	Not mentioned,	1	I. Oxford, J. H. West, D. Downs, - - -		16		3	2	2	83	2 10
Concord,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	3	S. Danner, D. W. Levan, - - - -	6						55	1 00
Oak Forest,	Wilkes,	Brier Creek,		A. H. Martin, M. A. Parks, - - - -	1			1			22	2 10
Fishing Creek,	Wilkes,	Wilkesboro',	2	S. P. Smith, H. Pennel, W. Jones, - -	5			1			56	1 65
Mt. Airy,	Wilkes,	Hay Meadow,	4	P. Grimes, - - - - - - - -		2					12	50
New Bethany,	Iredell,	Catawba Station,	4	H. Stackleitur, A. B. Ervin, - - - -	1		1	9	2	1	70	1 50
Liberty Chapel,	Ashe,	Jefferson,	2	S. Trivette, E. Pope, - - - - -							38	1 50
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Reports of Committees.

A.

Report on Finance.

Received from the churches, - -		$67 30
Distributed as follows:		
For printing and other expenses,	$34 10	
Foreign Missions, - - -	$ 6 25	
Home Missions, - - -	$10 22½	
Education, - - - -	$ 5 87½	
Colportage, - - - -	$ 4 85	
Clerk's compensation, - -	$ 6 00	
		$67 30

J. H. SPAINHOWER, *Chairman.*

B.

Report on Periodicals.

We are glad to see the improvement that is made in our organ, the *Recorder*, in the addition of another editor and the enlargement of the sheet. We therefore the more heartily recommend it again to every Baptist. Not one should be without it. We also recommend the *Commission* and *Home and Foreign Journal.*

R. L. STEELE, *Chairman.*

C.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

We are glad to learn that some of our churches are sustaining Sabbath Schools, while we regret that many have not yet embarked in this glorious enterprize. We heartily recommend that each church have a Sabbath School, and that all parents take their children to the Sabbath Schools. Thus can all work together in this great work of the Lord in pointing out to the young the way that leads to life.

We recommend that the schools procure BAPTIST LIBRARIES from our own publications. We also recommend the Young Reaper.

J. McNEIL, *Chairman.*

D.

Report on Missions.

The commission of the great Head of the church, is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The field here presented is at once a wide one, and the great object is how shall these things be accomplished, and what effort will most likely carry out the divine command. In the first place, there must be a willingness on the part of the church to unloose the hands of the ministers who are willing to labor in the vast field now ripe, and thousands are hungering for the bread of life. It is not to be disguised that there is in our own land, vast destitution. Many are denied the privilege of attending divine service, living remote from the house of worship, and can only be reached by missionaries going amongst them, preaching the Word, and instructing them in regard to the plan of salvation. It is a principle well settled by experience, that if the Gospel of Christ is ever published to all nations, it must be done by missionary efforts. It is gratifying to know that we now have missionaries laboring in heathen lands, where their labors are abundantly blessed, and scores of blinded heathen are embracing the doctrines of Christian religion, and are now unfurling the glorious banner of Christ, and persuading their down-trodden and idolatrous race to seek an interest in the blood of Christ. And in our own beloved land there are scores brought to the knowledge of Christ through efforts of our missionaries, who give themselves to the work of the ministry, deny themselves the ease and comfort of the social family circle, and throw themselves upon the cold charities of the world, willing to suffer loss of ease and comfort, and endure persecutions and privations. For such brethren let us offer our prayers and sympathies. But we should not be content merely with offering our prayers in their behalf and invoking the blessings of God upon their labors, but we should become liberal in giving our means to sustain them; for the Lord has ordained that *they* that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. And who is it that comes more appropriately under this head than the Missionary who gives his time, his life, his all to the ministry?—And in view of the vast destitution in our own mountainous country, let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest. We would urge upon the ministers of this Association having the pastoral care of churches, to

preach at least one sermon to each of their churches during the next Associational year on the subject of Missions, make collections or take pledges, and report the result of their efforts to the next Association.

L. LAND, *Chairman.*

E.

Report on Temperance.

This is a subject that should claim the prayerful attention of all the members of Christ's church who love the prosperity and welfare of the cause. Brethren, is it possible that we must continue to make such reports from year to year, to encourage and entreat our brethren who have put on Christ and profess to walk humbly in his foot steps, honor the cause and show forth his death and suffering to the world, to quit the blighting practice of intemperance and turn to the lovely paths of Temperance, and march into the delightful field of total abstinence?

Is it possible the members of the Baptist Church must be longer entreated to turn from the ways of dram-drinking, making and vending intoxicating liquors ?—Brethren, our denomination has been stigmatized, and our church-books have been too long blotted with stains of drunkenness.

Then we advise the members of the Baptist Church to unite their voices and send up their combined prayers until intemperance is stopped and banished from our churches, and peace, love, union, and temperance reign in its stead.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. REED, *Chairman.*

F.

Report on Colportage.

We regard the subject as one eminently entitled to our highest consideration. It possesses many and superior advantages over almost any other system of carrying the gospel to the destitute of our land, and in disseminating the light of God's eternal truth. It proposes to carry the gospel to every family; and with it, it proposes to carry many of our publications whereby making known the principles of our denomination in many regions throughout our country. And we are persuaded that the principal thing necessary to insure a reception of our prin-

ciples is for them to be properly understood. It appears that the plan of the Apostles in preaching the gospel was going from house to house; and as they went, they preached, which is peculiarly the plan of the Colporteur, for he preaches from house to house, by carrying religious books which are calculated in their nature to lead sinners to the cross and to stimulate a believer to his duty. Another advantage which this enterprise possesses, is that it is the medium through which the gospel is sent to the inmates of many cottages which could not be otherwise reached. Therefore we recommend to this body to commence at once a system of colportage.

E. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

G.

R. L. STEELE, Dr. to the Taylorsville Association, for Books:

5	Baptist Psalmodies		at $1 00		$ 5 00
10	"	"	large " 75		7 50
10	"	"	small " 75		7 50
110	"	"	" " 50		55 00
					$75 00

Cr. by cash paid freight,		$ 4 00	
Books on hand,	2, $1 00	2 00	
	9, 75	6 75	
	36, 50	18 09	
		30 75	
Cash,		44 25	
		$75 00	

H.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the pastoral year end with the Associational year, and that we advise the churches in this Association to send up a statement of the amount contributed by them for pastoral support during each year.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the Churches in the bounds of this Association, to hold weekly prayer meetings.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the friends and citizens of this community for their kind hospitality in entertaining the delegates and messengers of this Association during its session.

Resolved, That this body tender their thanks to Mr. Greer for the use of his house in which our session was held; and also for the very hospitable manner in entertaining a portion of this Association.

M. A. PARKS, *Chairman.*

Abstract of Principles.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in, by his own ability.

4. We believe that salvation is by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, and should be practiced by all true believers.

6. We believe the only true mode is by immersion, and that true believers are the only subjects.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of saints in grace to glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

9. We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

Constitution.

1. This Association shall be known by the name of the UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter, certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association thus formed, shall choose by ballot or otherwise, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are elected. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings of business, to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member, and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of this Association, to transcribe them in a book kept for the purpose, and to perform any other duty assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands, and to report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangement consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters of grievance or queries, together with all letters from Corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee of Arrangement, and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coercive power to lord it over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

11. When an offence may have been committed by one church against another, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association, (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be,) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers that treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. This Association shall withdraw her fellowship from any church in her confederacy which holds members in fellowship who distill, vend or use spiritous liquors as a beverage.

14. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

15. The Association shall, in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the Constitution,) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

16. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister, shall report the same to the Association, in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

17. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

18. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

19. This Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as this body may, from time to time, designate.

20. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory, a Missionary, and also a Denominational sermon preached at each annual session.

21. The power of appointing presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and constitution of churches within the bounds of this Association, shall be vested in this body, any three of whom shall have power to act.

22. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two-thirds of the members present concurring.

BY-LAWS.

1. At each assembling of the Association for the transaction of business, the Moderator shall invite members to order; then the Association shall be opened by praise and prayer.

2. When the Moderator takes his chair, each member shall take his seat, and the minutes of the preceding day shall be read.

3. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and on points of order, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the house.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

6. He shall have a general direction of the house; he shall have a right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair.

7. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality. And when two or more rise at the same time, the Moderator is to name the one who is first to speak. No member shall speak oftener than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

8. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking entertain private discourse, stand up or pass between him and the chair.

9. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.

10. All papers addressed to the Association shall be presented by the Moderator.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

12. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall sit down.

13. In all elections the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

14. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended, by a majority concurring.

Resolved, That we recommend the churches to adopt the following form of letter to the Association:

County, N. C.
Saturday in 18
We have chosen as our delegates, to the Association

Statistics as follows:
Received by Baptism,
" " Letter,
" " Recantation,
Dismissed by Letter,
Excluded,
Deceased,
Total,

Church Meetings,
Ordained Ministers,
Licentiates,
Pastor,
Post Office,
Sabbath School statistics, as follows:
Superintendent,
Number of Teachers,
Students,
Verses committed to memory,
Stanzas of Hymns,

Ch. Clk.